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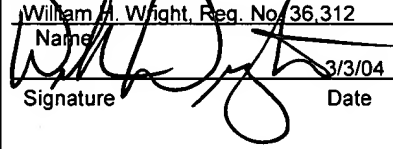
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Before examining the present application, please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments** to the specification are discussed on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**The filing of formal drawings is discussed** on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.